

REMARKS

Applicant notes with great appreciation that the Examiner acknowledged receipt of all certified copies of the priority documents in connection with the present application and that all submitted papers have been placed of record in the file.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 24, 2008, a complete listing of all of the claims is presented herewith. Applicant would like to provisionally elect Species I, drawn to the LCD device of the first embodiment, Sub-Species D, drawn to the timing-sequence control unit of the fourth embodiment, and Sub-Sub-Species 1, drawn to the programmable interface of the first embodiment. The above Species I, Sub-Species D and Sub-Sub-Species 1 encompass claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-14 and 19.

On the other hand, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the assertion that the different species recite the mutually exclusive characteristics of such species, which is indicated on page 5 of the Office action, and thus the election is made with accompanying traverse on the following grounds that the species are not patentably distinct.

Applicant respectfully asserts that embodiments should not be viewed as being directed to patentably distinct species merely because they contain components having similar functions but only named differently or illustrated in different degrees of detail. Pertaining to Species I and Species II, the LCD devices respectively disclosed in FIGs. 3 and 5 only differ by the presence of the connector and naming of the similar components, i.e. the ASIC chip 200 compared with the timing sequence control unit 256

and the DC/DC converter 130 compared with the power supply 258. As known to persons having ordinary skills in the art, the connector is a required component of an LCD device, so that whether the connector is explicitly shown or not, it should be appreciated as being present. In addition, by comparing paragraphs [0028], [0032] and [0033] of the specification, it is clear that the ASIC chip 200 and the timing-sequence control unit 256 have very similar functions but different names. The same holds true for the DC/DC converter 130 and the power supply 258. Next, pertaining to Sub-Species A to E, the timing-sequence control units shown in different figures are very similar but have different names or are illustrated in varying degrees of detail. For example, as indicated in paragraphs [0038], [0039] and [0040], the timing-sequence control units shown in FIGs. 8 and 9 are equal, wherein the control block 256b comprises the processing unit 402 and the storage device 400. Hence, the fourth embodiment and the fifth embodiment do not illustrate different timing-sequence control units, instead, the fifth embodiment only illustrates the timing-sequence control unit in further detail. Similarly, pertaining to Sub-Sub-Species I and II, the first embodiment and the second embodiment do not illustrate different programmable interfaces, instead, the second embodiment only illustrates the programmable interface in further detail.

Furthermore, Applicant also respectfully submits that although the color management interface system disclosed in the specification is divided into two parts, the present application discloses only a single invention instead of two inventions, since the components therein function in cooperation for a single purpose. Applicant respectfully asserts that a single invention should not be viewed as two merely because

the components therein are spatially separated.

Since this response includes an identification of the species elected consonant with the requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 and a listing of all the claims readable thereon, the response should be deemed responsive and in condition for further prosecution.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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